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SUBJECT: JUSTICE SECTOR REFORM GRANT RECIPIENTS

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¶1. Summary: Via recently launched Justice Sector Reform program, INL Dushanbe Issued eight grants totaling \$300,000 to Tajik non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to carry out programs in court monitoring, legal aid to indigents, legal education, legal representation of minors, and third party arbitration. The Deputy Chief of Mission launched implementation of the grants by hosting a reception for the recipients of 2009 Justice Sector Reform Grants. End summary.

¶2. On May 7 DCM Necia Quast kicked off the grant season by inviting representatives of the local NGO's awarded grants under INL's Justice Sector Reform Program To reception. She personally wished grantees success in implementing projects that aim to promote Rule of Law and Human Rights, both guaranteed by the Constitution of Tajikistan. The grantees will carry out the following projects.

¶3. Child Rights Center (CRC) lawyers will provide children with legal representation starting at pretrial stage and temporary detention through sentencing. CRC will ensure that correct legal processes are followed and work to develop institutional capacities to treat children in trouble with the law appropriately.

¶4. The Human Rights Center and Bureau of Human Rights will assist the Government of Tajikistan in fulfilling its national and international obligations to provide fair trials by monitoring criminal proceedings in different regions. The Court Monitoring projects will promote improvement of the judicial system and build court monitoring capacities of public organizations through reporting their observations and provide recommendations during round table discussions with participants of the justice sector.

¶5. The Association of the Young Lawyers and NGO "Amparo" will increase the knowledge and skills of teachers of law which will improve the quality of teaching of law and human rights in secondary schools. The training material developed in this project will be included into the secondary school curriculum.

¶6. The NGO "Zumrad" will implement a project to train young people living in different rural areas of Tajikistan. (Note: 50 percent of the Tajik population is 18 or younger. End note.) The young people will be involved in interactive activities and discussions to learn about their constitutional rights and the key points of the Convention on Child Rights. This includes the right to education, healthcare, a healthy environment, protection against all forms of physical or psychological violence, and protection against economic exploitation. The trained youth will pass messages to others via puppet theater performances in schools of smaller settlements and villages.

¶7. NGO "Agrofund" will popularize and widen the network of independent third party arbitrations in resolving economic disputes to ensure better access for more entrepreneurs to the justice sector.

¶7. The Association of Women Scientists of Tajikistan and the NGO "Samar" will create free legal aid centers to provide free legal consultation and represent low income population in the courts in different regions of Tajikistan.

¶5. Comments: In this first-ever INL sponsored grants program, we expect to reach beyond government ministries to teach different segments of the population about their rights and legal opportunities.

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